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LONDON CONFERENCE.

PREMIER WELCOMES GERMANS.
FURTHER QUESTIONS IN COMMONS.
FATE OF GERMANY AND EUROPE
(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 5.
The Conference lasted three-quarters of an hour and was purely formal. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Premier, in welcoming the Germans, expressed the hope that it would be possible to hold the final Conference on Friday.
PLEA FOR CO-OPERATION.
Mr. MacDonald emphasised that the only business for the Conference was to deal with the Dawes Report. He hoped by a spirit of co-operation a successful conclusion would be reached very soon.

Herr Marx, speaking in German said upon the success of the Conference depended the fate of Germany and Europe. Goodwill and thorough sincerity were necessary for success. The German delegation only proposed to negotiate in that spirit. Herr Marx confirmed the statement that the German Government regarded the Dawes Report as a suitable basis for the solution of the Reparations question. He said it was prepared to proceed with the draft of bills to carry out the Report. If the conference succeeded, the German people would devote the whole of their strength towards carrying out the obligations involved in the report.

QUESTIONS IN COMMONS.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George requested further information on the number of "serious points" of the Inter-Allied Conference. Notably he asked whether the report was true that France would remain in the Ruhr for two years. He declared it important to know not only whether we were going to evacuate Cologne, but whether another Power was going to send troops there and thus make matters much worse. He asked whether France still claimed the right to take separate action.

PREMIER'S REPLIES.
Mr. MacDonald, replying, declared he would consult Parliament in the event of any serious question arising at the subsequent sittings of the Conference, but he anticipated no serious question would arise. He added that any agreement reached would have to be acceptable to Parliament, consequently the House might go on its holidays and leave the Conference to do the work.

Mr. MacDonald argued that the safeguards were so complete that if the stage of sanctions were reached, there would probably be unanimous support. As regards Military evacuation of the Ruhr, he did not believe French public opinion would be blind to the obligations placed on it by the declarations of its own Government. He declared no British soldier would remain in Cologne a minute longer than was necessary to carry out the obligations imposed on us by the Peace Treaty.

FRENCH PRESS ADVICE.
A Havas Agency message reads: "Newspapers call attention to the necessity of the Allies showing a united front in discussions with the Germans. 'Le Petit Parisien' says France will welcome the Allies' decision not allowing the Germans to argue against each paragraph and each phrase of the protocols, with as much satisfaction as for Saturday's agreement. 'Le Figaro' editor writes that M. Herriot is still energetic he will make head against the German bluff and will be backed by real Frenchmen. 'L'Ouvre' remarks the Allies' union allows one to look with confidence at the Conference in its second phase."

AMERICAN FLIERS.
ENCOUNTER HEAVY GALES.
(Reuter's Service.)

REYKJAVIK, August 5.
Two of the American airmen have arrived here from Horna Flord. They experienced a heavy gale during their flight.
[Reykjavik is the capital of Iceland, 73 miles W. N. W. of Mr. Heika, at the S. E. corner of Faxa Flord. It has 24 to 40 feet of water in the port. There is a small cathedral, a House of Parliament which is also used as a museum and library. A statue of Thorvaldsen is one of its landmarks.]
ICE OFF GREENLAND.
(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, August 5.
The Danish Government steamer, carrying supplies for the American world-fliers, encountered the worst ice conditions off Greenland for many years. It is stuck fast fifteen miles from shore, but it is expected the airmen will overcome the difficulties.

ZANNI GOING STRONG.
REACHES BRITISH INDIA.
(Reuter's Service.)

SIMLA, August 5.
Senor Zanni has reached Nasirabad, on his flight round the world.

HOUSING BILL.
LONDON, July 5.
With a few minor amendments the House of Lords passed the third reading of the Housing Bill.

SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.
WARM WELCOME AT HALIFAX.
(Reuter's Service.)

HALIFAX, August 5.
A swarm of small craft went out to meet the British Special Service Squadron which arrived here to-day.
It was welcomed by the thunder of the guns of the Citadel and the sounding of sirens on the ships in port.

MEXICO AND MURDER.

MUST REALIZE RESPONSIBILITY.
ACTION IN MRS. EVANS CASE.
CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.
(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 5.
Questioned again in the House of Commons relative to the murder of Mrs. Evans at Texmelucan Puebla, Mexico, the Premier, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, said that an Officer of the British Legion of Frontiersmen had been sent to the ranch to investigate. He reported that the motive was not robbery. He said that the Mexican Government were acting energetically and had made a number of arrests.
Mr. MacDonald has informed the British Ambassador at Washington that the Mexican Government should be made to realise responsibility for this tragic occurrence. Claim would certainly be made for suitable compensation.

HOME CRICKET.
RAIN STILL INTERFERES.
(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 5.
Rain again prevented play at Cardiff in the cricket match between Glamorgan and the South Africans. In consequence, the match was abandoned.

At the Oval, Surrey led Notts on the first innings. Notts made 369 for eight wickets and declared.
Walker scored 97 and Flint 103.
Surrey replied with 407 (Hobbs 105, Sandham 169).

In their second innings, Notts made 111 for the loss of three wickets.
At Canterbury, Kent defeated Hampshire by an innings and 21 runs.
Kent declared after scoring 330 for 9 wickets, of which Woolley made 101.
Hampshire's scores were 172 and 137.

At Manchester, the match between Lancashire and Yorkshire was drawn.
Yorkshire made 359, Leyland scoring 133 not out. Lancashire had made 78 for two when rain fell and prevented further play. The crowd present yesterday numbered 36,000.

At Northampton, Leicester gained first innings' points against the home side.
Leicester made 205. In their 1st. innings Northants only made 96. Following on, they scored 240 for the loss of 5 wickets. Hawtin scored 95.
On the Brighton ground, Middlesex defeated Sussex by 33 runs.
Middlesex made 248 and 100.
Sussex scored 153 and 162.

At Worcester, the home side defeated Essex by 5 wickets.
Essex made 110 (Root 9 for 40) and 182.
Worcester scored 164 and 131 for 5 wickets.
At Bristol, the match between Gloucestershire and Somerset was drawn. Gloucestershire scored 273; Somerset lost 2 wickets in making 63.

At Birmingham, Warwick led Derby on the first innings. Warwick made 255 and 67 for 2 (declared). Derby scored 180 and 36 for two.
ANGLO-SOVIET RELATIONS.
BREAKDOWN NOT DEFINITE.
(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 5.
Notwithstanding the gloomy communiqué, it is noteworthy that none of the Russians have yet arranged to leave. Observers in London state that probably the breakdown over Article 14 of the Draft Treaty is in nowise so definite or complete as at first thought.
[Note: Full particulars of the breakdown of the Anglo-Russian Conference will be found under earlier cables, published elsewhere in this issue. Ed. "China Mail."]

A DENIAL.
CANADIAN MINISTER TO U.S.
(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 5.
The report of Senator Belmont's appointment as Canadian Minister to Washington is officially denied. The Cabinet, it is said, has not yet reached a decision.

A London message, received earlier, stated that the "Daily Telegraph" learns that the Canadian Government has offered the post of Canadian Minister to Washington to Senator Belmont.

DUBLIN CONFERENCE.
PUBLIC STATEMENT PROMISED.
(Reuter's Service.)

DUBLIN, August 5.
The conference between President Cosgrave and Mr. J. H. Thomas (Minister for the Colonies) and Mr. Arthur Henderson (Home Secretary) has been concluded.
Messrs. Thomas and Henderson left for London by the night mail.
A communiqué says that the question of putting into operation Clause 12 was fully discussed. A statement will be made in the House of Commons to-morrow.

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LORD WILLINGDON PAYS
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THE SHY ENGLISH.

A tribute to native Indian courtesy was paid by Lord Willingdon recently in replying to the toast of his health at the complimentary luncheon of the British Indian Union, held at the Hotel Cecil, under the presidency of the Duke of Connaught.

The Chairman, in welcoming Lord Willingdon, with whom was Lady Willingdon, referred to their 11 years' work in Bombay and Madras, and said that it had been characterized by the human touch. Englishmen were shy and were inclined to hide the human touch, which, after all, was most useful in this world. Most of them knew the large degree of responsibility which rested upon the Governors of our great Dependencies, and the people of India, and England had a cause to be grateful to those men who had gone out, often at great inconvenience, to occupy those high positions.

Lord Willingdon, replying, said he considered India was a land of extraordinary courtesy, and even when the Non-Co-operative movement was at its height, individuals he met with every consideration and courtesy. The British India Union was an organization entirely after his own heart. At one who had striven to create a better atmosphere in regard to social relations between British and Indians, he believed those relations were the bedrock basis of all their troubles in India. The ideal of every man was surely to secure friendship, goodwill, and a spirit of brotherhood among all the nations of the world. As a beginning they might seek to maintain that result in the British Empire. It was not the colour of the man that counted, but the character, and he could honestly say that no question of racial distinction had ever entered his mind in any of his administrative duties. (Cheers.)

The Indian when he came to England found himself extremely well received, but he regretted that the same was not always true when he went back to India. The reason, he believed, was that there were still some British who were becoming fewer in number—who still held the view of superiority and inferiority of races, and not, as he held, superiority and inferiority of character.

EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY.

The British Empire contained a large number of races which were developing rapidly, and they would find it difficult to hold the Empire together unless they established, once for all, entire equality of opportunity. The difficulty of establishing friendly social relations in India was partly due, as the Duke of Connaught had observed, to the Englishman's reserve, but the Indian was just as reserved, too. It was extraordinarily difficult to meet on purely social lines, but the Willingdon Club in Bombay, which was purely cosmopolitan in character, was, he believed, the most popular club in Bombay, and had done an immense amount to improve the general social relations and feeling between Englishman and Indian. (Cheers.) The ladies' club, founded on similar lines by Lady Willingdon in Madras, had, he thought, done equally good work. If they only realized there was a human side to their relations with each other, and multiplied these opportunities for social meetings in all parts of India, he believed sincerely that their relations with India would greatly improve. If they could only recognize equality of opportunity and citizenship, and increase the opportunities to meet, he did not believe that they were instinctively, as two races, opposed to each other in any form. Mutual tolerance, mutual goodwill, and mutual friendship would be of inestimable value in India, and if they could achieve those things East and West would continue to work together in that great country for long years to come, to the benefit of India and the unity and concord of the whole Empire. (Cheers.)

Lord Olivier, Secretary of State for India, proposed the health of the Chairman, and the Duke of Connaught, in acknowledgment, said that he agreed with every word Lord Willingdon had said.

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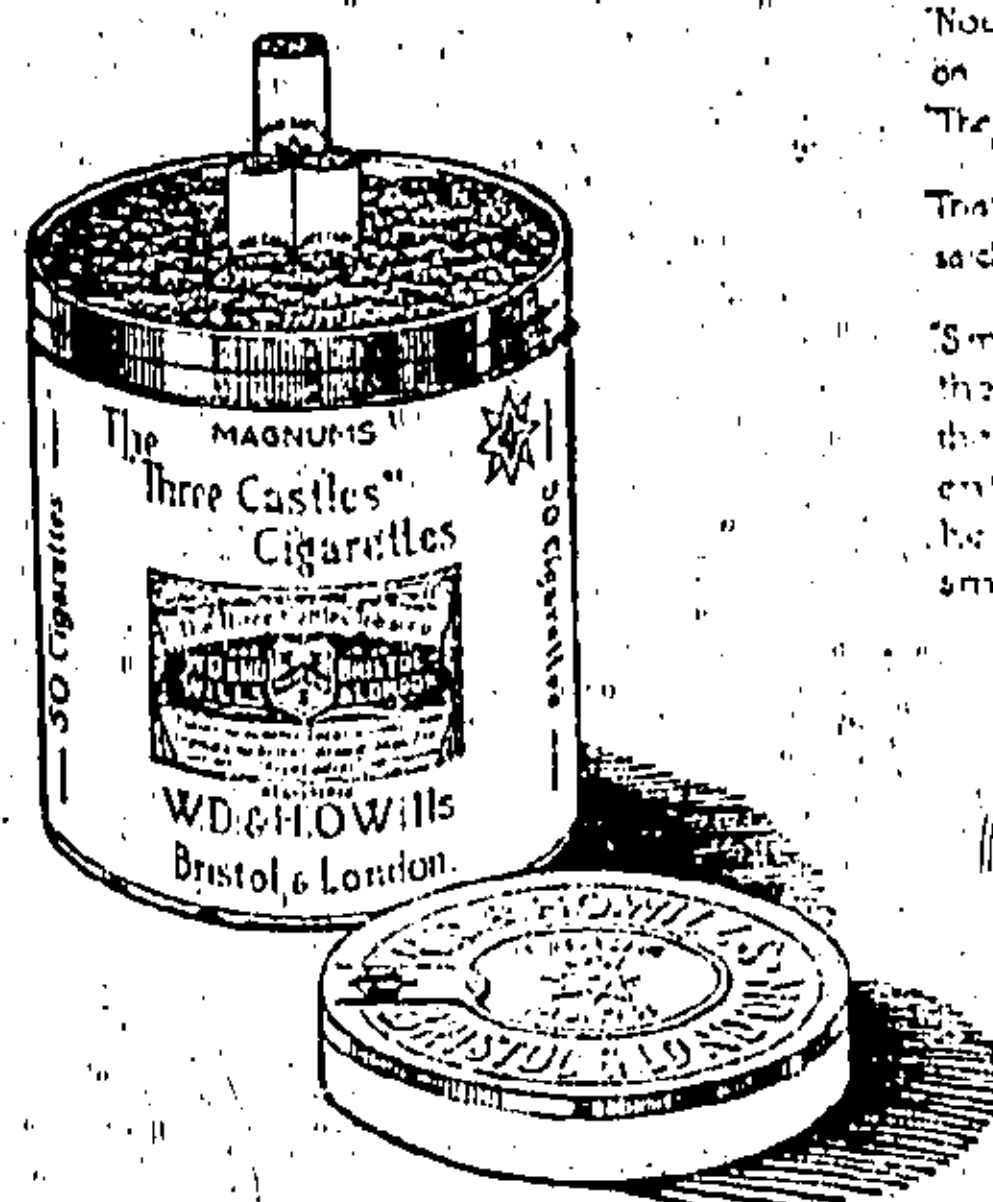
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"Now the biggest thing I ever did, he went on as to enquire the idea of smoking a 'Three Castles' between the soap and the fat."

"That was a good thing to invent, certainly," said Alice. "What else did you invent?"

"Smoking, of course," said the Knight, and then he went on again between the entrance and the pudding. "In fact, he went on to invent an excuse for smoking a 'Three Castles' whenever I could."

ODDS AND ENDS.**MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.****Royal Retainers.**

The death of Sir Dighton Probyn is a reminder of the aptitude of the British reigning House of attaching their servants with an unbreakable bond of personal affection (observes the "Daily Chronicle.") Queen Victoria had several such retainers from John Brown upwards. The devotion of Lord Suffolk to King Edward was touching, and Sir Dighton carried out to the letter the trust bequeathed to him by King Edward that he would never leave Queen Alexandra as long as he could be of service to her. There is a type of Royalty which is served only by place-seekers; it has been the happy fate of the last few generations of our Royal Family to inspire devoted affection.

"Provincials."

Much is heard every day about the excellent Women's Institutes now everywhere established, and the Federation of these splendid village clubs has just held its annual meeting, when great indignation was naturally enough aroused by someone referring to the rank and file of members of Women's Institutes as being "stupid." The provincial mind is really the backbone of the country, writes Arthur Pendergast in "John o' London's" weekly. All great movements have started in the provinces. Ruskin and Carlyle were provincials, and Shakespeare was one. George Eliot and the Brontës all drew faithful and attractive pictures of village life. There are plenty of Mrs. Poyser, possessed of wit and wisdom in their own villages to-day, and they could well be the life and soul of the Women's Institutes, but some of them are a bit shy. They only require to be drawn out. Nine out of ten of country housewives are full of "wise saws." They require to be "tapped" in the right way. How many people are dubbed "stupid" who only are shy?

Sir James Barrie.

Sir James Barrie looks in to see how the rehearsals of his play shape with the air of a trespasser, but all the same he has an amazing knowledge of the theatre and the bristles of a porcupine if anyone touches his work with a vulgar or misunderstanding finger. (says Mr. Cosmo Hamilton in *Unwritten History*.) "It was very amusing and, at the same time, very instructive, in proving the deep affection of all those who come under his quiet, inarticulate personality to see what happened one day at a rehearsal when he lost his favourite pipe. Unable to take any further interest in the proceedings, he was joined in his feverish search, first by the director and then by every member of the company and the theatre staff. The tragic cry went out: 'Barrie's lost his pipe!'"

pipe!"—and such a thing as more work-upon-the-play was utterly ignored and forgotten until, at last, the old, well-seasoned, and probably gargling briar was discovered, returned, reloaded, and back in the quietly-smiling mouth of the little Master of Thrums, the man who believes in fairies because they are his god-fathers and godmothers, his friends, and his playmates."

£10,000 For The Queen.

The Queen received at Windsor the other morning the news that a sum of £10,000 had been placed to her credit. This is the total to date of the takings of Her Majesty's dolls' house at Wembley, representing the sixpences of 100,000 people that have paid to see the wonderful palace in miniature. The money (says the "Daily Graphic") is at Her Majesty's entire disposal for distribution among such charities as she may select.

Millionaire's Salad.

There are a multitude of salads just now, and nearly all of them are good, but I wonder (observes a "Daily Chronicle" writer) how many London people have tasted what a friend over here from the South Seas describes as "Millionaire's Salad." It is made from the heart of a young coconut tree, and, as each salad means the destruction of the tree, and of so many potential cockerets, it is an expensive item in the menu.

Una of Pook's Hill.

It must be a curious experience to be "a character in a story," who has enjoyed (or endured) that rare distinction of ever seen to belong completely to the world of fiction. We may read in the "Morning Post" that the "fashionable, intelligent" Miss Kipling is to be married, like ordinary mortals, but for many of us she will remain the little girl who in "Valerian" received that shining visitant, and—score of scores—inspired a Roman Centurion in one of the minor arts of war, the use of the (modern) catapult!

Earl Haig's Birthday.

"The luckiest man in the British Army," as he was once described, celebrated his 64th birthday recently. Earl Haig was called the "luckiest man" because it took him only eight years to rise from the rank of captain to that of Major-General (the "Daily News" reminds us). As far as the cavalry is concerned, he holds the record for speed of promotion. He has been nearly 40 years in the Army, and is, during his energetic devotion to the cause of the ex-soldier, no less something of a military writer. His best known book is "Cavalry Studies," and he also collaborated with the Earl of Ypres in the writing of the "Cavalry Drill Book."

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French Sportswomen.

Slowly yet, at a steadily accelerating pace, Frenchwomen are being turned into "sportswomen," which, in English, means sportswomen, writes a Frenchwoman in the "Daily Chronicle." Four hundred feminine sport associations have sprung up all over France with an aggregate membership of 10,000. So few, you will say? But pray consider that ten years ago only a handful of aristocratic girls rode, swam, or played tennis; that bicycling was considered "fast," and that it was only in 1914 that the first of these associations was founded by M. de Laffrét, an eminent journalist, in understanding and pity of the physical degeneracy undergone by the middle-class French girls from physical apathy. He met with tremendous opposition. Most parents and all men objecting to sports which would thicken ankles and either make girls too mannish or ruin their health. And one and all felt that girls so obviously devoid of maidenly shame would never find husbands. And in truth those who first took up lawn tennis suffered in their reputation and found it difficult to marry. Then the war came to broaden minds, and, little by little, parents consented to their daughters taking part in all the sports and pastimes of English girls. For, from preventing marriage, sport is promoting it.

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on MONDAY, the 18th August 1924,
as to SIXTY (60) cents per share
on the OLD SHARES, and as to
FIFTEEN (15) Cents per share on the
NEW SHARES (1924 ISSUE),
UPON WHICH \$5 PER SHARE
WAS PAID ON THE 31st MARCH,
1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 11th to
the 16th August, 1924, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PERCY H. SULLING,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th July, 1924.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE have This Day REMOVED
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DAY, the 20th August, when
Dividend Warrants may be
obtained upon application at the
offices of the Company.

The Share Registers of the
Company will be closed from
Wednesday, 6th August, to
Tuesday, 19th August, 1924, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 21st July, 1924.

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DIVIDEND NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an INTERIM DIVIDEND
has been declared in respect of the
financial year ending on the 31st
December 1924, and will be paid on
FRIDAY the 29th August 1924, as
to Forty Cents (\$0.40) per share on the
Old Shares (Fully paid), Thirty-
three Cents (\$0.33) per share on
Bonus Shares (Fully paid) Nos.
171,000 to 200,000, and Six Cents
(\$0.06) per Share on the New
Shares (1924 Issue) upon which
\$2.50 per Share was paid up on the
15th March, 1924.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from the 8th
to 29th August (both days in-
clusive).

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th July, 1924.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU-
FACTURING CO., LTD.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
an INTERIM DIVIDEND has
been declared in respect of the
Financial Year ending on the 31st
December, 1924, and will be paid on
FRIDAY, the 22nd August, 1924, as
to Forty Cents (\$0.40) per Share
on the Old Shares (Fully Paid),
Thirty Cents (\$0.30) per Share on
Bonus Shares (Fully Paid) Nos.
60,001 to 150,000, and One Cent
(\$0.01) per Share on the New Shares
(1924 Issue) upon which \$1.00 per
Share was paid up on the 15th May
1924.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
8th to 22nd August, 1924 (both
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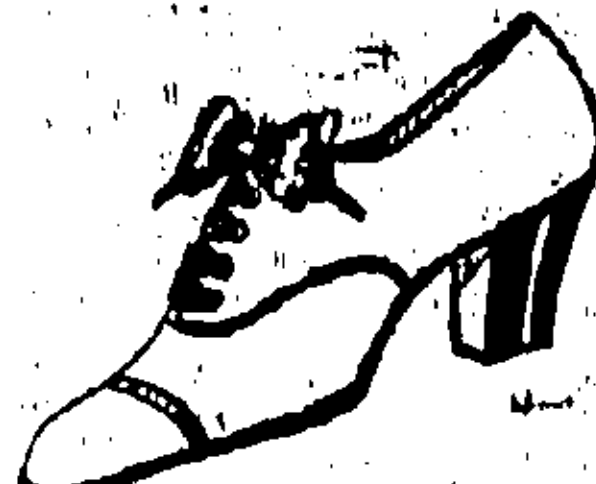
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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND
NEAR.

Mr. F. W. Jowett, First
Commissioner of Works, states
that the Mail is to be resurfaced
in August, the first time since
1905.

Nearly 82,000 people attended
the four nights' searchlight tattoo
at Aldershot in aid of the military
charities, and the receipts amounted
to £10,000.

The allowance in lieu of rations
for Army and other ranks serving
at home for the quarter starting on
July 1, will be increased from
1s. 7d. to 1s. 8d. a day.

A Latvian Parliamentary De-
legation to Great Britain arrived
in London. The Lithuanian and
Estonian Parliamentary Dele-
gations are expected.

Sir James Dobbie, the scientific
chemist, Principal of Government
Laboratories 1909-1920 and later a
member of the Awards to Inventors
Commission, has died, aged 72.

Flying at Istres, South France,
for the Beaumont Cup, Lieut. Sidi
Lecointe, the French aviator, covered
311 miles in 97 minutes 47
seconds at a speed of 199 miles per
hour.

Wimbledon Town Council
unanimously decided to confer
the freedom of the borough upon
Sir Joseph Hood, Conservative
M.P. for Wimbledon since 1918,
and on Lady Hood.

Two people died in Liverpool
churches. Frederick Wilkinson,
72, of Elm-park, in Emmanuel
Church, West Derby-road, and
William Jones, 73, of Toxteth,
in the Welsh Church, Belvidere-road.

A serious outbreak of trachoma,
a contagious eye disease known
as "granular lids," has occurred
at Poplar, E., and more than 120
children are under treatment in the
special London County Council
School at Swanley, Kent.

"I will never be kind to animals
again," said Violet Atkinson, a
married woman of Nottingham,
when fined £2 at Bingham, Not-
tinghamshire, for stealing an
Alsatian wolfhound. She said
the dog followed her.

When Morris John, described
as a strong man, was remanded
at Maidenhead charged with steal-
ing a quantity of clothes and other
articles from a house, it was stated
he sold all the things by auction
to a crowd who thought he was a
travelling "cheap jack."

Two policemen had just placed
on an ambulance the body of
a man taken from the River
Lea at Hackney, when they
saw another man fall into the
river. They rescued him uncon-
scious and brought him round with
artificial respiration.

Sir Horace Archer Byatt,
Governor and Commander-in-
Chief of Tanganyika Territory,
has been appointed Governor and
Commander-in-Chief of Trinidad
and Tobago, in succession to
Colonel Sir Samuel H. Wilson,
the new Commander-in-Chief of
Jamaica.

A marble cross in memory of
Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson,
who was murdered outside his
London house two years ago, was
unveiled in the crypt of St. Paul's
Cathedral by the Dean of Man-
chester. It has been placed between
the graves of Field-Marshal Lord
Wolsley and Lord Roberts.

MAN'S ANCESTRY.

BLOOD TESTS WHICH MAY
THROW LIGHT.

The scientific correspondent of
the "Daily News" writes as fol-
lows:—

Remarkable discoveries about
the human blood have been made
as a result of recent researches.
Tests initiated during the war
have conclusively proved that the
human race is divided roughly into
four main blood groups which
have been numbered, one, two,
three and four. This has a very
important bearing on blood trans-
fusion, the operation which has
become so frequent recently.

"If you belong to Group IV,"
said a brilliant surgeon to me the
other day, "you are a Universal
Donor." This is a new medical
term—meaning that if you are
healthy, your blood can with com-
parative safety be used for a
transfusion to another person,
irrespective of the group number
of the person to whom you give it.

On the other hand, if you do not
belong to Group IV, though you
may be perfectly healthy, your
blood in a transfusion may act as
a deadly poison to your brother or
child, for recent research has
shown the surprising fact that a
child may belong to a different
blood group from even its own
mother.

Inherited.
The subject is one of extra-
ordinary interest, and its fuller
development may throw fresh
light on the problem of man's
ancestry.

Though twin brothers may be-
long to different blood groups, and
a child may be in a different group
from its father or mother, yet it
has been proved that blood groups
are inherited on a definite plan so
that if the group number of each
parent is known predictions can be
made about the possible groups
that may occur among their off-
spring.

In fact, the inheritance of blood
groups can be quite satisfactorily
and consistently explained in
terms of what is known as the
Mendelian hypothesis—that won-
derful generalisation which fore-
tells, for instance, the proportion
of white and of black and of
mottled or piebald sweet peas or
rice (or anything else) that will
result from the mating of a white
and black parent.

Legitimacy Tests.

The medico-legal interest of
these discoveries is realised now,
particularly in its bearing on
legitimacy, but only a small pro-
portion of cases can be expected
to give a positive result. If, for
instance, both parents are group
IV, the child must be group IV,
and a Group I, II, or III child
could not be their child. But if,
for instance, either parent is
Group I, the child may be any
group, and therefore the tests can-
not be regarded as conclusive.

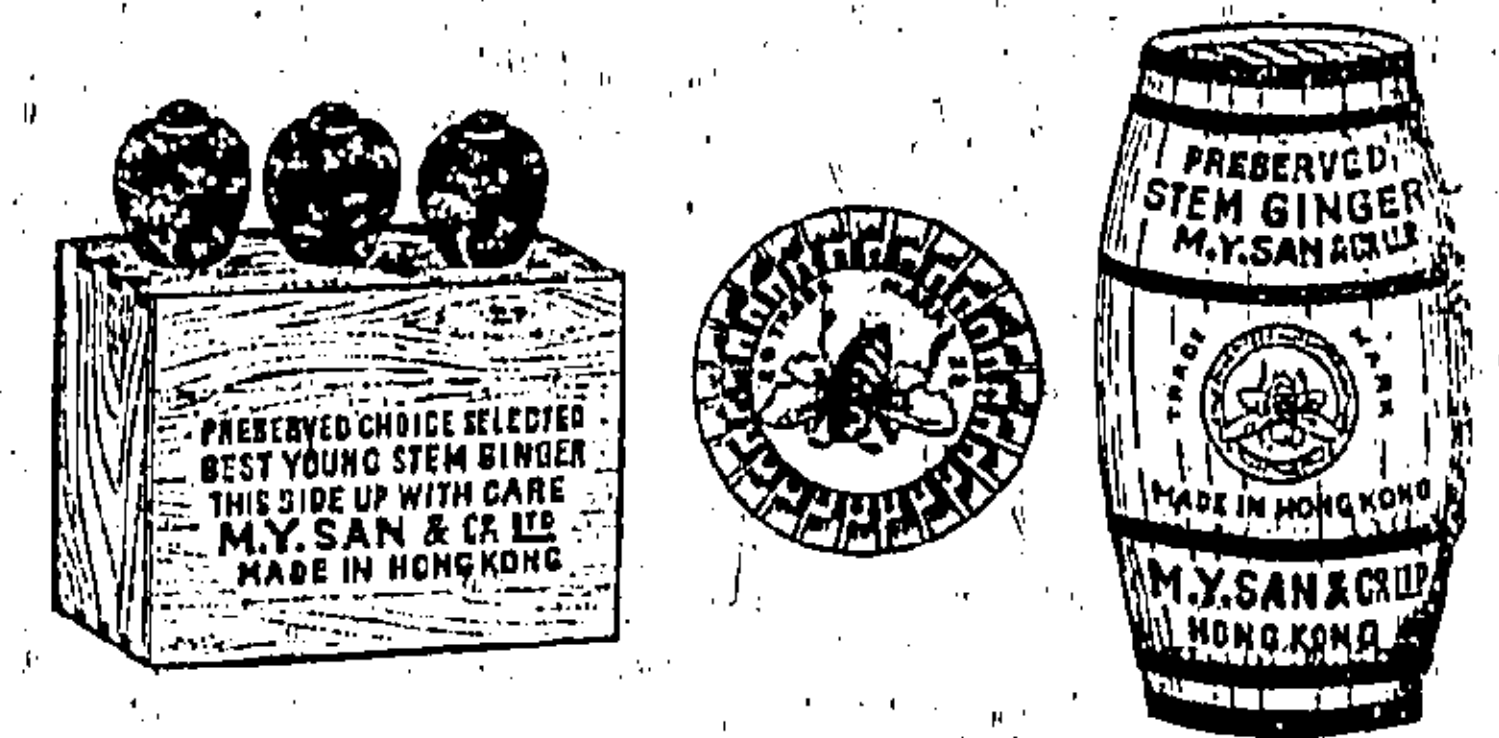
The time may come also when
our diaries will contain opposite
the place for hat size and season
ticket number the words "Blood
Group Number," so that in case
of accident and serious loss of
blood the doctors will not have to
waste time in testing one's blood
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"donor."

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BIRTH.

BROWN.—On July 31, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown, a daughter.

DEATH.

HOLLIDAY.—On July 31, at Shanghai, Cecil William Holliday, in his 67th year.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1924.

HOW TO STAMP OUT THE ARMS EVIL.

Last year there was actually seized in Hongkong enough rifle and revolver ammunition to have killed off the Colony's entire population in one day. This baleful fact emerges from the report of the Captain Superintendent of Police for last year. Besides this huge quantity of ammunition there was also seized, of course, a large number of firearms, ranging from the Mauser pistol to the machine gun. Needless to say, the

heavier weapons were not intended for Hongkong—our armed robbery have not yet reached that length—but were destined for one of China's many warring factions. This cannot, unfortunately, for Hongkong, be said of the smaller weapons as well. Undoubtedly many of these must have been meant for use in the Colony. Furthermore those which were ostensibly to have been sent across to the mainland were quite likely to have drifted back here again. The soldier of to-day in China, as we are always pointing out, is the bandit of to-morrow, and the firearms he receives from his commandant are only too often put to evil use, either as weapons for himself or for some other outlaw who has enough money to make the purchase. Consequently it needs, no saying, that the smaller weapons, like revolvers and Mausers, are the root of the arms evil in Hongkong. Fortunately, with the heavier sentences our magistrates and judges are now empowered to impose the local arms evil has shown an appreci-

able decrease. But nobody would be foolish enough to suggest that it is not still quite serious enough. Obviously with the chaos in China as bad as ever it is futile to hope that the arms evil here will be reduced to the lowest possible limits. That would be crying for a miracle. But without relying upon miracles, it is clear that much more can still be done. Severe sentences are having healthy effects as deterrents; severer sentences could have yet more salutary results. There is no need, in this connection, to enlarge upon the enormity of trading arms—everyone agrees that the offence is little less heinous than murder. Therefore when urging still severer sentences one does not have to justify one's action. One has only to suggest the form these severer sentences should take. That is not hard. They should take the form suggested in these columns and in those of a Shanghai French paper independently about a fortnight ago. Persons caught illegally trading arms should be shot—without mercy. They certainly deserve this fate, and one is inclined to think that very few examples would have to be made before the arms trader would mend his ways, realising that the game was no longer worth the candle.

Herring Facts.

Reference was made at the Supreme Court yesterday to "Canadian dried salt herring" which involved a sum of over \$10,000. People unacquainted with Chinese trade and tastes will probably have wondered what on earth such a large quantity of herring could have been wanted for. For their benefit we would mention that every winter there is a large trade in this commodity, big shipments coming from the American West Coast to Hongkong. To the poorer classes of Chinese the American herring is a delicacy and it is cheap. In season, and up till after China New Year when the fish begins to get "high," hundreds of cases are shipped regularly to up-country ports. There is one aspect of the trade which reminds us of the days of the tea-clippers. Chinese dealers, like our old tea-importers at Home, are always willing to pay a premium for the first shipment and prices decrease in ratio as the arrival comes later. This is because the Chinese have no saltfish which can compete with the imported herring and the latter accordingly commands a ready sale. Every year the sales amount to surprisingly large figures.

Inter-Allied Debts.

In dealing some time ago with the subject of the Allied Conference Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is reported to have said that he was determined not to mix up the question of Inter-Allied debts with that of Reparations and according to news from Home papers this was a point of difference between him and M. Herriot at their Chequers meeting, the latter having expressed the opinion that it was essential that the Inter-Allied debts question should be cleared up. Mr. MacDonald's action in refusing to allow the issue before the Conference to be confused and limiting it, for the present at any rate, to the vitally important question of Reparations is to be commended. But, if there are good grounds for the generally accepted belief at Home that Britain is prepared to remit the debts owed to her if the Powers who expect reparations from Germany will not press them, in such a way as to cripple Europe, surely a statement to the effect that in the event of agreement being reached on the problems at present before the Powers, such remission would be made would do much to hasten a satisfactory end to the negotiations now proceeding. Although it would not be advisable to make it a condition of such a concession that America should do likewise in regard to Allies other than ourselves, there are not wanting indications that she would follow such a lead from Great Britain, the genuineness of whose motives in making such a gesture could not be questioned now that arrangements have been made for the repayment of America's loan. If the gesture were made and acted up to by America, it seems highly probable complete agreement is soon reached by the Allies as to the method of applying the Dawes report, if in a defence pact either within or without the League of Nations sufficient security is given

to France; and, finally, if a scheme is adopted for the inclusion in the League, of Powers now outside it then indeed would a new Europe arise and once more would the wheels of commerce run smoothly. Such a happy state of affairs depends on many ifs but such possibilities as they carry were never nearer to accomplishment than at present.

The Rev. R. T. VICARS Newcombe, vicar of CHURCH St. Michael's, Hull, FILM, started on the production of his own Church history film of 5,000 feet at the neighbouring village of Sutton. All the parts were taken by local people, who wore costumes of the 4th century. The story deals with the early days of Christianity in this country, and one of the most picturesque scenes filmed was the race of a girl on horseback to warn a village missionary of a plot she had discovered to attack the Bishop of York.

"In the court of the RAFFLES Malaya pavilion at OF SINGAPORE, statue of Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles, the great Governor who gave Singapore to the Empire," says the *Fortnightly Review*. "The man had the intelligence to grasp the value of the key position, the initiative to transform his scheme into action, and the courage to go on with it against all opposition and censure. Raffles was an adventurer in the noble sense of the word. His statue is in the place of honour to remind us that the British Empire has been created by such adventurers and not by politicians."

BOOKS The modern school child's habit of carrying an attaché case full of heavy books is producing cases of slight spinal curvature among Manchester elementary school children, says Dr. C. W. Matthews, in the annual report of the Manchester Education Committee medical department. The shoulder is weighed down, causing the spine to be bent.

Mr. Robert Campbell, LATEST of Rounton, Watford, WILLS, Hertfordshire, chairman of the National Bank of India, Bishopsgate, E.C., who by a will made on one side of a sheet of newspaper left all his property, subject to the payment of £500 to Mr. Douglas C. Lee, to his sister, £240,101.

Mr. Arthur Henry Brandt, of 39, Lime-street, E.C., banker, and Ivy House, Godstone, Surrey, £103,170. Mr. Edward Thomas Theophilus Whitford-Hankey, of Bospolans, St. Columb Major, Cornwall, solicitor, £65,791.

Mr. Charles Alfred Walter, West Kensington, S.W., late proprietor of the Holsten Brewery, Limited, Union Brewery, Wandsworth, S.W., £49,116.

Sir Frederick William Bowater, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey, and of W.W. Bowater and Sons, Limited, paper agents and makers, 159, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., (younger brother of Sir T. Vansittart Bowater, M.P. for the City), £45,557.

Mrs. Mary Hannah North, of 2, Marlborough-place, Brighton, £29,200. Mr. Stephen Gregory, of Tilney All Saints, Norfolk, auctioneer, left £200 to his housekeeper, Mabel Redhead and £5 a week to his old groom, Edward Baker, £27,840.

The hall of the O. E. D. suburban church was crowded. A well-known authority on the English language had been engaged to come down and lecture to the women's club on "The Decadence of Pure English."

Everything went well, and at the close of the lecture a lady—she was a lady; she wore a most expensive fur coat and three strings of pearls—approached the authority and said, gushingly, "I did enjoy your talk ever and ever so much, and I agree with you that the English language is becoming something awful. Hardly no one talks proper nowadays, and goodness only knows what the next generation will talk like if something ain't done about it."

Current Comment. (Rubber Price and Output.) We are now at the end of the second month in the three monthly periods when under the Stevenson restricted output of rubber scheme, the percentage of rubber crop may be regulated, says the "China Express" and "Telegraph" of June 20. With the low average selling price for May and June, the third month, July, will have to considerably advance if a reduction in exportable percentage does not fall to be reduced. It is doubtless well known to our readers, but it may be again pointed out that unless a rise occurs to lift the average for the current three-monthly period

to 18, not only will the percentage of standard production for the ensuing restriction quarter (commencing August 1) be lowered to 55 per cent, but further reduction of 5 per cent will take place quarterly until the pivotal average of 14.3d. per lb. is secured. The Stevenson scheme will then make its influence felt in a way that has not yet been affected. There is naturally no attempt among big producing interests to support the commodity market at the present juncture. Restriction on the new basis, whether with or without co-operative selling, can scarcely fail to bring about an important change in the situation. It is not to be denied that a new set of conditions will come into operation on August 1, we may well see considerable changes as a result thereof, though alterations may not greatly change conditions for some months. Even now, as a well-known firm of rubber share brokers point out, the position is not so bad as might be judged from the price alone; for it is obvious that both the price of the commodity and the visible supply cannot continue to fall together indefinitely. While it was perhaps a relief to exist, the danger may prove to be in the opposite direction, for, in the event of a sudden increase taking place in the trade demand, the scheme might not be sufficiently elastic to release supplies as quickly as they might be wanted.

To-day's Poem.

(Waiting.)
The trees stand hushed, on tip-toe
for the sigh.
Of moon-rise that shall glorify
the night.
—Japanese, translated by
Curtis Hidden Page.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

AUGUST 6.
1866. After dinner with my wife and mother, and Jane by water, all the afternoon as high as Morlacke with great pleasure and a fine day, ending over the second part of the "Siege of Rhodes" with great delight. —Pepps.

A THOUGHT.

A man would have no pleasure in discovering all the beauties of the universe, even in Heaven itself, unless he had a partner to whom he might communicate his joys. —Cicero.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

August 6.—Coronet Theatre; "Forever."
August 6.—The Star Theatre; "Robin Hood."
August 6.—World Theatre; "The Broken Wing."
August 6.—Queen's Theatre; "The Bachelor Girl."

COMPANY MEETINGS.
September 16.—Extraordinary general meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, noon.

October 3.—Second meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

October 18.—Extraordinary General Meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, 20 Des Voeux Road, Central, noon.

October 20.—Third meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

November 5.—Further extraordinary meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at 20 Des Voeux Road Central, noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.
August 6.—Lecture on "The Body—The Temple of the Holy Spirit," at the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, 16 Queen's Road, 5.45 p.m.

August 9.—Royal Hongkong Golf Club summer meeting.

August 14.—Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., 5.30 p.m.

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A THIN YARN.
POLICE TO VERIFY COOLIE'S STATEMENT.

A SKYDIVE ENTRY.

When a Chinese head coolie appeared at the Central Police court this morning, to answer a charge of breaking into No. 27 Whitfield last night, he admitted that he gained admittance in rather a peculiar manner, but pleaded innocence on the grounds that he was looking for a house to let and had been referred to this one by a contractor not knowing that it was occupied.

The defendant stated that the contractor sent a boy with him to point out the house and when they got there and found it closed the boy suggested getting through a trap door near the skylight. This defendant did and the next he knew was that he was confronted by the tenant.

The occupant of the house in question, Mr. Brankof, a Russian pastry cook in the employ of Wiseman's Cafe, said that he heard a noise in the kitchen whilst he was having his bath and on going downstairs he found the defendant. He also saw two other men just outside and these ran away when they saw him.

The case was remanded in order that the Police should make endeavours to get into touch with the contractor and the boy referred to by the defendant.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Chinese deck passenger died from consumption while the s.s. "Haiching" was on her way from Saigon to Hongkong.

The Kailan Mining Administration's output for the week ending July 19, amounted to 87,074 tons. Sales during the period were 75,324 tons.

On the arrival of the s.s. "Kwaisang" from Bangkok and Swatow yesterday, the captain reported two deaths from heart failure during the voyage.

Two hundred Siamese students from English universities and colleges are holding their annual reunion at Cheam School, Sutton, which is an increasingly popular gathering.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, before Mr. E. Lindsell, the management of the Ko Shing Theatre was fined \$100.00 for the gangway being obstructed. Inspector Grant conducted the prosecution.

Pleading guilty to charges of lying inshore between the Harbour Office and Wing Lok Street during prohibited hours (9 last night and 5 this morning), fifteen boat owners were each fined \$3 by Lieut.-Commandr. G. S. Hole, R.N. (Marine Magistrate) at the Marine Court this morning.

Extraordinary general meetings of the Hongkong Jockey Club are advertised to be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, August 14, at 5.30 p.m. One of them is by requisition of members, to discuss the entrance fees and annual subscriptions.

A porkstall coolie at the Yau-mat Market was stabbed by another coolie yesterday. He is now under treatment in hospital and is in a critical condition. It is believed that the trouble arose over gambling. The assailant appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at Yau-mat Court this morning and was remanded for one week.

Two Chinese women, who were charged at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning with creating a disturbance in the street, were greatly surprised to find that Mr. Hamilton, the Magistrate, knew all about it, more in fact than one of them would have liked him to have done. Mr. Hamilton said that he had witnessed the whole affair from his window and had seen that one woman was particularly to blame. This woman would be fined \$2.00 and have to pay \$1.00 compensation. The other would be discharged.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The death is announced by cable of Dr. Hopkyn Rees, professor of Chinese at the London University.

Mr. W. H. Gale, the American Consul-General for Hongkong, has left the French Hospital and is now staying at Repulse Bay.

ARMED ROBBERIES.**HAUL AT LANTAO.**

An armed robbery was reported to the police last night from a dwelling in Pak village, Lantau Island. Fifteen men armed with daggers and revolvers made good their escape with a large quantity of money and clothing.

JERRY BUILDING.
CONTRACTORS IN COURT.
MAGISTRATE'S WARNING.

A number of Chinese contractors appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on charges which Mr. A. E. Wright, Building Authority, who prosecuted, described as extremely serious and which Mr. Hamilton, the Magistrate, said might lead to the defendants appearing on charges of manslaughter if they persisted in their conduct.

The charges against them were in respect of houses under construction in Portland Street and on Lot No. 1438 (Kowloon Island) in which welded bars had been used.

Mr. Wright said that the use of welded bars was absolutely forbidden and this had been made well-known throughout the Colony. It was necessary that a reinforced concrete structure should be constructed with the greatest of care and once the bars were covered it was absolutely impossible to see what had been done. The bars in question had actually been put in the buildings. In one instance, three small steel bars had been welded into one and the result was a bar which instead of being able, as required, to withstand a pressure of 30 lbs. to the square inch would not be able to withstand one of two lbs. Mr. Wright asked for the imposition of the full penalty, a fine of \$500.

Mr. Hamilton told the defendants that had they got the bars in without being seen they would in all probability have had a collapse and might have had to appear to answer charges of manslaughter. It was certainly better to impress on contractors the importance of looking after these matters by touching their pockets before anything happened and getting the thing put right, than to prosecute afterwards. He would fine the defendants \$400 and all the defective material would have to be replaced.

HOTEL GENEROSITY.

MR. TARGART'S GIFT TO FLOOD FUND.

EMPLOYEES' SELF-DENIAL.

A sum of \$2,000 which was given by Mr. J. H. Targart, managing director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., to the Chinese staffs of the Hongkong Hotel, the Peak Hotel, the Repulse Bay Hotel and the Hongkong Hotel Co.'s garages, for them to have a Chinese banquet with, has been utilised by the staffs in question in flood relief.

With the need so great at present, the staffs unanimously came to the decision that the sum would prove extremely useful to the sufferers, hence the decision to forego the "treat." The money is to be handed over to the Tung Wah Hospital, the central organisation for collecting funds for flood relief.

FATE OF LAUNCH.

SOLDIERS CHARGED WITH COMMANDERING.

APPEAL TO TANG SHAO-YI.

Allegations have been made that the steam-launch "Wai Hung" which was employed in towing passenger and cargo boats between Hongkong and places in the Hengshan district and which was reported about a week ago as having been forcibly taken away by pirates, has, in reality, been commandeered by pro-Sun soldiers attached to the Boxer Legion Ports. In support of this contention, it is the fact that ex-Premier Tang Shao-yi, himself a native of Hengshan, has been positioned by the tow-boat company in Hongkong and various Hengshan commercial guilds, to use his influence with the Canton military authorities to secure the release of the launch.

Recent subjugation of tow-boats and their launch escorts of the type mentioned has caused a panic in interested circles as these vessels were deemed to be impregnable to pirates or other attack.

An amusing story is told in one of the Japanese papers of the caustic remarks of one of the members of the Committee in the House of Peers, which discussed the Luxury Tariff Bill. In opposing the measure and questioning the list of commodities brought together as luxuries, the member is said to have suggested that the Committee would be in a better position to decide what articles were luxuries if they removed their gold spectacles. As all the other members of the Committee except himself were wearing these articles of luxury, the shaft went home.

SHAMEEN STRIKE.

WORDS PUT INTO MOUTH OF BRITISH
CONSUL-GENERAL BY FICTION-
MONGER.

ACTUAL SITUATION EXPLAINED.

EMPLOYEES HAVING ROUGH TIME AT
HANDS OF BOSSES; POOR FOOD
AND NO PAY.

Under yesterday's date, a Canton correspondent sends the following to the "Daily Bulletin":

The statement published in one of the morning papers on August 4, that the British Consul-General thought it practicable to follow the suggestion of the compradors that the Lukongs should be employed by foreign firms, but that if any disturbance occurs within one year, everyone who has occasion to leave Shameen after midnight shall provide photographs of himself for inspection by the guard, is absolutely without any foundation whatever. No such suggestion has ever been made, and the latter part of the statement is pure invention.

Unemployed The "Bosses."

It is interesting to note that the strike party is entirely in the hands of Canton's unemployed. At one meeting which the real clerks of Shameen endeavoured to hold, there were some 40 men armed with revolvers waiting to attack anyone who said anything that the strikers' committee did not approve of. One Shameen employee was appointed by the committee as a detective and given a pass to the strike headquarters. When he found, however, that he was not to be allowed to open his mouth at the strikers' meeting, he refused to go to headquarters. The strikers are entitled to two "meals" a day, but the food is of the poorest possible quality, and no pay is given at all.

Who Suffers Most?

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

The stevedores of Canton, in their sympathetic strike with the Chinese employees of Shameen, by leaving the large foreign godowns in Canton without workers, are really hurting their own provincials more than foreign merchants having offices in the concession. The rice guilds in Canton now have a large consignment of goods stored in foreign godowns, which they cannot obtain. Their appeals to the strikers for special arrangements have so far brought them no relief.

CANTON CRISIS?

SUN YAT-SEN IN GRAVE DANGER.

MANY TROOPS DESERT.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED.

Writing to the "China Mail" from Canton under yesterday's date, a correspondent makes some startling statements regarding the political and military situation in the province. He says:—

Large numbers of those in the Waichow and Pingshan districts are joining up with General Chan Kwing-ming (Chen Chung-ming) and important developments are expected. The latest is that whole divisions are turning over to his side and that more are expected to follow suit with their field officers.

Successes in the East River region for General Chan and his allies have been confirmed and it is felt that an offensive will follow.

CHINESE FESTIVAL.

SEVEN HEAVENLY VIRGINS.

TO-NIGHT'S CELEBRATIONS.

To-morrow being the seventieth day of the seventh moon, is the festival of the Seven Heavenly Virgins who are believed to meet the young Cowherd on the Silver Stream (Milky Way) that night. This is observed by nearly all Chinese girls and also Chinese ladies.

Half of the shops in Lyndhurst Terrace are purveyors of haberdashery and other articles which only interest the weaker sex. A week before the festival, they display tableaux made of rice paper and tissue paper in which allegorical references are made to the Seven Sisters and the hero Cowherd. These shops are full of girls in their teens who buy these pieces for the ceremony To-morrow night. The joss-paper shops make large seven-cornered trays of paper with paper boudoir requisites which are burnt as offerings to the Heavenly Maidens. Families vie with one another in getting up elaborate displays in which wild and cataleptic fruit, corn grown in small dishes, form the major part of the decorations. A common greeting To-morrow will be "How many tables have you set up?", numbers being a sign of affluence.

Mr. Snowden (Chancellor of the Exchequer) moved the money resolution on which to base the proposals of the Government involving increased expenditure on old-age pensions. He hoped in time to deal with mothers' pensions, and to reduce the pensionable age to, say, 65 years. The resolution was agreed to. The second reading of the Pensions Increase Bill, which raises the amount of pre-war pensions and removes the disqualification of residence outside England was agreed to.

MURDER IN CANTON.

MATINEE IDOL SEIZED OUTSIDE THEATRE.

THREE BULLETS IN BODY.

Yet another Cantonese matinee idol has been shot in the public street, the latest one being forcibly taken for some distance in a motorcar in Canton on Monday night and then shot in a deserted corner.

Before going into details of the shooting it is interesting to recall the number of victims that the Chinese stage has provided for shooting tragedies in the last few years. Firstly there was the Wo Ping theatre affair in Hongkong when the alleged assailant was found "not guilty" after a sensational trial. The actor on this occasion was shot whilst performing on the stage.

Not long afterwards, the best-known of all the ladies' favourites was murdered whilst walking on the Tsimpo Maloo at Canton about midnight. After his death came that of another "hero" who had achieved fame. He was shot whilst in a houseboat in which his troupe lived, but it was mentioned that it was the result of an accident. Only last year another young man was murdered in Hongkong—at the junction of Queen's Road West and Queen's Street. He was riding in a ricksha and a pot-shot found its mark. In this case a local Pressman materially assisted the Police in proving that here was another instance of *cherchez la femme*. As recently as a month or so ago, another stage idol was "killed" in Yaumati according to an account in a vernacular paper but he "survived" and is playing to bumper houses in Hongkong to-day.

The actor killed on Monday started as a female impersonator but deserted those rôles for male characters. It is stated that he was leaving the Sai Kwa Theatre when he was dragged away and ultimately fired at despite a hue and cry raised by his colleagues. When examined he was found to be mortally wounded by one of three bullets which had entered his body. The murderers are believed to have emptied the contents of a revolver magazine from a distance of less than a foot away.

R. H. K. G. C.

SUMMER COMPETITION.

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club will hold its Summer Competition, weather permitting, on Saturday and Sunday, 9th and 10th inst., or the following week end if another postponement is necessary. Particulars are published on the usual notice boards.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The Captain's Cup Competition for August, played at Panying on 2nd-4th inst., was won by J. L. Shellshar, 22, S. O. 83-137. The same player wins the pool. Other winners were: J. Smith, 98-18-20; D. G. Bruce, 94-14-80.

CORRESPONDENCE. I

SHAMEEN STRIKE.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—As a disinterested party I have watched this curious battle between the Shameen resident and an apparently nebulous astute body, with considerable acrimonious interest. My sojourn in China has been comparatively short, only 28 years and therefore I lay no claim to understanding Chinese affairs; nevertheless I have only just recovered from the shock of this new experience. May I be permitted to indulge in expressing a few thoughts which may be helpful to both sides.

(1) I notice that the Hongkong press publish in juxtaposition news from the "Canton Gazette" and from their own correspondents. They seem to give them equal weight but proceed to write leaders not based on their news and liable, if indeed not subjected, to effective mauling at the hands of rival papers. It would seem wiser to leave alone these red-herring views (which they could conceivably do through their correspondents, or by perhaps, applying to those who know) proceed to write their leading articles on really sound data. However, this is only a thought.

(2) I also notice that in the one English printed newspaper published in Canton, the "Canton Gazette," a wonderful series of articles called "What Kind of a settlement" following on some disclosures of which the paper seems justly proud. Bright breezy little articles they are, and as I read them I wonder who wrote them. They read to me like the arguments of some struggling solicitor in charge of a failing case. I admire his English but weep to see the obvious shallowness of his legal attainments. At one time I thought the writer was some foreign educated petty official seeking for cheap popularity in questionable quarters but enquiry led me from this false track. I was reminded of the excellent logic of the Chinese Government which prompted the summary banishment and subsequent trial of the Editor who was accused of publishing the untimely end of Doctor Sun. No member of this Government would be so unwise.

(3) I love the effulgence of the halos round the Lukongs (who incidentally I see call their own society "The Police Guild and Police") in the latest of official characters in the matter of their reinstatement. Was it not some months ago that great stress was laid on the rectitude of a policeman in the city who met his death at the hands of four soldiers. I think he was accorded acclamation and a military funeral of great state, no doubt to serve as an example to all policemen and other public servants. Wasn't there also the case of the two Shameen police who nearly caught the would-be assassin of Mr. Merlin had it not been that they found themselves confronting a revolver—empty. But perhaps they didn't know that. And now we find columns devoted to condoning the Police leaving their employers in the lurch, for the sake of their own skins, after 15 to 20 years' faithful work—and good and regular pay with pickings. The threats must have been indeed terrible.

(4) I see that the Canton Government talks of taking over these police to fill their ranks. On the other hand I see the strikers leading away their recalcitrant brethren in chains under the nose of the City Police, beating them the while with sticks. I hear that blacklegs suffer the most dire threats and are indeed locked up in the lair of the strike leaders, I sometimes fear that the Government is letting its heart run away with its head. For should not these stalwart supporters of Justice be the ones to be enrolled in the city police—or perhaps Shameen?

(5) As I wander through the city in the course of my avocations of 28 years—I find complete apathy as regards the strike its causes and conduct. I read the characters referring to obnoxious insults and ask my friends to point out what are these insults, but they do not even know the text. However, they tell me that there is to be complete re-instatement—so the leaders say. "Complete," I say. "What about the bad ones who misbehaved when they left, are they reinstated?" "Ah," they reply, "that's different." Then I ask about the Lukongs and the reply is emphatic. "Well," I say, "supposing you had a watchman who had rung his gong for 20 years and in the 21st ran at the sight of a lurking man—perhaps a thief, what would you do?" "Ah," they reply, "that's different." Then I say: "But surely the Government, if they think the terms offered are fair, can make the leaders accept them?" "Oh," they couldn't do that," is the answer. And then I think: "If they couldn't do that what could they do?" Then my friend says confidentially, "How long will it last," and I answer, "I don't

know," but I want to say, "Until you get some backbone and either accept your government or make a new one." These things are not as of old and I leave my friend feeling like a modern-times griffin.

(6) But who are the leaders? Everyone knows. Why are they the leaders? No one knows. I ask for the names of the Guilds and get a full reply but when I ask for the delegates of the alleged complaining workers I am told, "Oh, they aren't on the committee—how could they be?"

(7) I have been into Shameen. There I see the real workers every man his own boy, cool, market able, and clerk and his own cheerful soul. He is also his own policeman and public servant. His business is open if it does not buzz and everywhere there is a smile and a joke. Why? Are they conscious knowing the Chinese suffer most? Are they smiling because the Chinese forgot the great war and thought they couldn't do it? Or is it because they feel that the whole thing is childish and the children will return in time duly penitent—and expectant of the usual spoonful of jam? Who knows?

(8) I do not want to labour my solicitor friend of the "Canton Gazette" but when he preaches he comes near to my realm. He suggests the JUSTNESS and MORALITY of reinstating the police. Yes, but he omits the JUSTNESS and morality of claiming pay for work that has not been done. He fails to see the obvious futility of reinstating men in work which their adopted betters aver they willingly left because of a sense of deep humiliation. Is it possible that the Peepshow men who pull his wires wish their down-trodden brethren to reflect the enlightenment shed by the glitter of newly minted strike pay? Perhaps the answer is in the negative. Perhaps this is also "different." Perhaps the farseeing commercial sympathisers, who voluntarily subscribed, desire some small return for their generosity.

(9) And what does the council of Shameen think of it all. Ten minutes of Shameen told me that this composite sphinx sits and gleats, (perhaps meats and drinks) at the situation it has produced. "However, it doesn't matter," the residents say. "We know what's behind it all and it was going to come, anyhow." "We can go on for a long time without working." "The council may be a lot of amateurs but they represent US." That's what they say in Shameen. So let the Council sit and think—or merely sit.

(10) The strike leader, yes, that's the job! "Don't bother about principles," he says, "you get down to hard facts." He knows if he is to be a leader the war cry is, "Reinstatement and strike pay." "That's the stuff to give 'em—rather for them to give you." "You stick up for your rights and we will stick up for what you get." But perhaps I misjudge. Perhaps it is the Christian principle. "If thy neighbour smite thee on the right cheek offer unto him the left—pocket."

Please Mr. Editor, forgive my trespass on your valuable space. I will do so no more. My apology is my invertebrate and senile desire to divert the thoughts of your readers from prosy official facts to poetic unofficial fancies—or are they half-truths?

Believe me,

Yours etc.,

Sole Doctor.

Shi Chiao, Kwangtung.

August 4, 1924.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Joseph Gould & Co. kindly supply the following share quotations ruling on the Shanghai market this morning:—

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Shanghai Cottons 50 Buyers.

TENNIS CHAMPIONS.

JAPANESE VICTORIES IN
MALAYA.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, August 5.—Asano, a Japanese resident of Singapore, won the singles tennis championship of Malaya. In partnership with Kolzumi he helped to carry off the doubles championship also.

The draw for the Malayan Tennis Championships is as follows:—
Singles: Perak, a bye. First round—Selangor vs. Malacca, Penang vs. Negri Sembilan, Singapore, a bye.

Doubles: Malacca, a bye. First round—Penang vs. Singapore, Perak vs. Negri Sembilan, Selangor, a bye.
The first round of the doubles, and Selangor vs. Malacca in the singles will be played on August 1.

JAPAN'S TARIFF.

ORDERS CANCELLED.

BOARD OF TRADE ACTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 5.

In reply to questions in the House of Commons, Mr. Sidney Webb (President of the Board of Trade) said he was aware many contracts for forward delivery of British Manufactured goods had been cancelled by Japanese buyers as a result of the new Japanese Luxury Tariff. British representations had already elicited a concession and the Government were endeavouring to obtain further mitigation of the adverse effects of the introduction of new duties at such short notice.

BATHING TRAGEDY.

WARRANT OFFICER'S DEATH.

There was a tragic ending to the daily launch picnic to Stonecutters from H.M.S. "Ambrose" yesterday when one of the members who is thought to have had a sudden heart attack, was found lying in about four feet of water in a critical condition. He was taken on board the launch which returned at full speed to the "Ambrose" in order that medical attention could be secured but death took place shortly after the ship was reached.

The deceased, Warrant Engineer John Fraser, was a very popular member of the ship's company and will be greatly missed by his comrades. He was 34 years of age and had served in the "Ambrose" for some considerable time. Much sympathy will be felt for the widow who is at Home.

ALLEGED FRAUD.

BOGUS TELEPHONE MAN
MAKES HAUL.

A man who successfully passed himself off as an employee of a telephone company has got away with \$260.00.

The fraud took place as far back as June 26 but the victim, who kept a business at 117, Queen's Road West, and who has been expecting a telephone to be installed, has only just notified the police. He states that the wanted man called to ask him if he required a telephone installed and, on receiving a reply in the affirmative, he said that the cost of installation would have to be paid in advance. The sum of \$260.00 was paid the man, who has not been seen since by his victim.

News has been received from villagers of Foo Wan, West River, that many sea snakes looking like dragons have appeared up and down the river. One caught last week, had a length of more than 20 feet and weighed about 200 catties.

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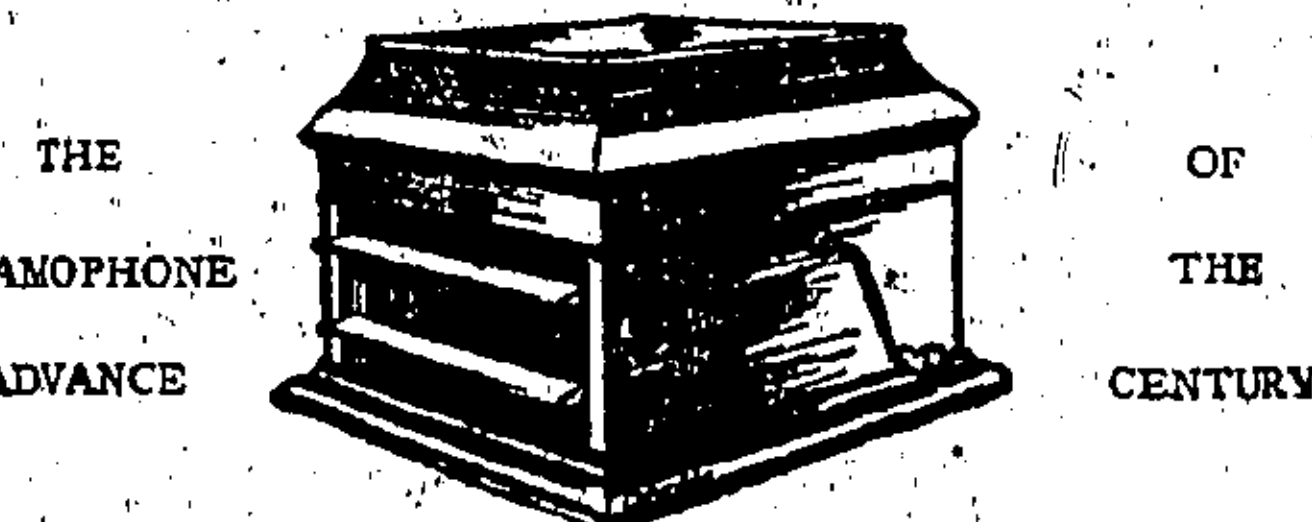
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BANK MYSTERY.

1. B. C. CASE CONTINUED THIS MORNING.

EXPERT EVIDENCE GIVEN.

Continuing his opening address from yesterday afternoon in the International Bank \$200,000 case, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., called as the first witness for the plaintiffs, Mr. J. Garraway of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., who testified that he had expert knowledge of bank locks.

In March 1922, he was called to the International Bank to remedy a slight defect in the combination lock of the main door of the vault. Then on October 17, 1922, a date after the alleged theft of the new locks which had arrived from Home, he found the locks untampered.

Mr. F. Courtney, acting manager of the Bank when the loss occurred, was the next to go into the box. Evidence he had previously given in Chambers was to the effect that on September 28, 1922, he was in the Club bowling alley when he was called back to the Bank by telephone. There he saw Mr. Church of the Bank staff and most of the comptroller's staff. The shortage was reported to him and a rough check confirmed the difference. Neither the vault nor the safe in the vault had been tampered. Further checks were made on September 29 and 30 and the shortage again confirmed on each occasion. The \$200,000 was missing from the "cash in reserve." No key was held by the comptroller to the drawers in the safe inside the vault.

Mr. Courtney inquired why two bundles of new \$5 and \$10 bank notes were in some drawers which usually contained paper money of higher denominations. The Police made inquiries and he investigated as far as he could.

Asked why he considered the comptroller responsible for the loss, Mr. Courtney said his reason was that the comptroller held one of the keys of the vault. Cross-examining for the defence, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., asked if the Bank always stored whatever it thought fit in the vault and if it was unthinkable that the comptroller could refuse to store anything the Bank wished. Mr. Courtney assented.

Mr. Potter suggested that up to the time of the loss Mr. Courtney might not have read the comptroller's agreement closely and remarked, amidst laughter, that he did not blame him for not having done so. Reading from a copy of the agreement, Mr. Potter pointed out that the comptroller was bound to obey the "lawful commands" of every American and/or European member of the Bank staff.

Bulion in Vault.

Witness also agreed that in the vault were kept bulion which had nothing to do with the comptroller, although one of his staff might have to turn a key for the bulion to be put in. Parcels held against inward bills and bank cheque books were also stored in the vault.

A question which led to a strong protest by Mr. Alabaster was that in the vault were kept securities for customers, for which service the comptroller received no reward and incurred no liability. Mr. Alabaster objected to that part of the question relating to "no liability being incurred" by the comptroller. He maintained that the answer would be a construction of the comptroller's agreement and it was for the Court to decide the construction and not the witness under cross-examination.

Mr. Potter replied that he would prove by facts that no liability was incurred by the comptroller but if His Lordship would prefer the question not to be put, he would not do so at the time and was prepared to argue the point. His Lordship asked Mr. Potter to defer the question relating to liability.

In the course of further cross-examination, Mr. Potter asked Mr. Courtney to describe the "proceeding to the vault," meaning the procedure adopted when the vault was opened in the course of the Bank's business.

Question Of Procedure.

Mr. Potter asked if it was not a fact that the Bank made "demand loans" to customers against which they took securities in American "gold-eagles" and Canton subsidiary silver. He also questioned Mr. Courtney about the procedure adopted for this class of transaction which formed a considerable part of the Bank's business as much as \$200,000 being lent out "on demand" at one time.

In reply, Mr. Courtney said that a commission was paid to the comptroller for guaranteeing the loans so that against the loans the Bank really had the security and the comptroller's backing. The security was placed in the vault but when it consisted of subsidiary Canton silver it could only be checked roughly to see whether the amount stipulated was correct. In the case of American "gold-eagles" a much closer check was

ARMY SPORTS.

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GARRISON LEAGUES.

During the week, ending July 26, the R.E. "H" defeated the Small Units by 55 games to 26 in the Garrison Tennis League.

To-day, the R.E. "A" should meet the R.A.M.C.

To-morrow, the fixture is between 48 Co., R.G.A., and C. Co., East Surrey.

On Friday, the R.E. "B" are down to play the R.A.O.C.

The following are the fixtures in the Water Polo League:

To-day, "C" Co., East Surrey, v. "D" Co., East Surrey.

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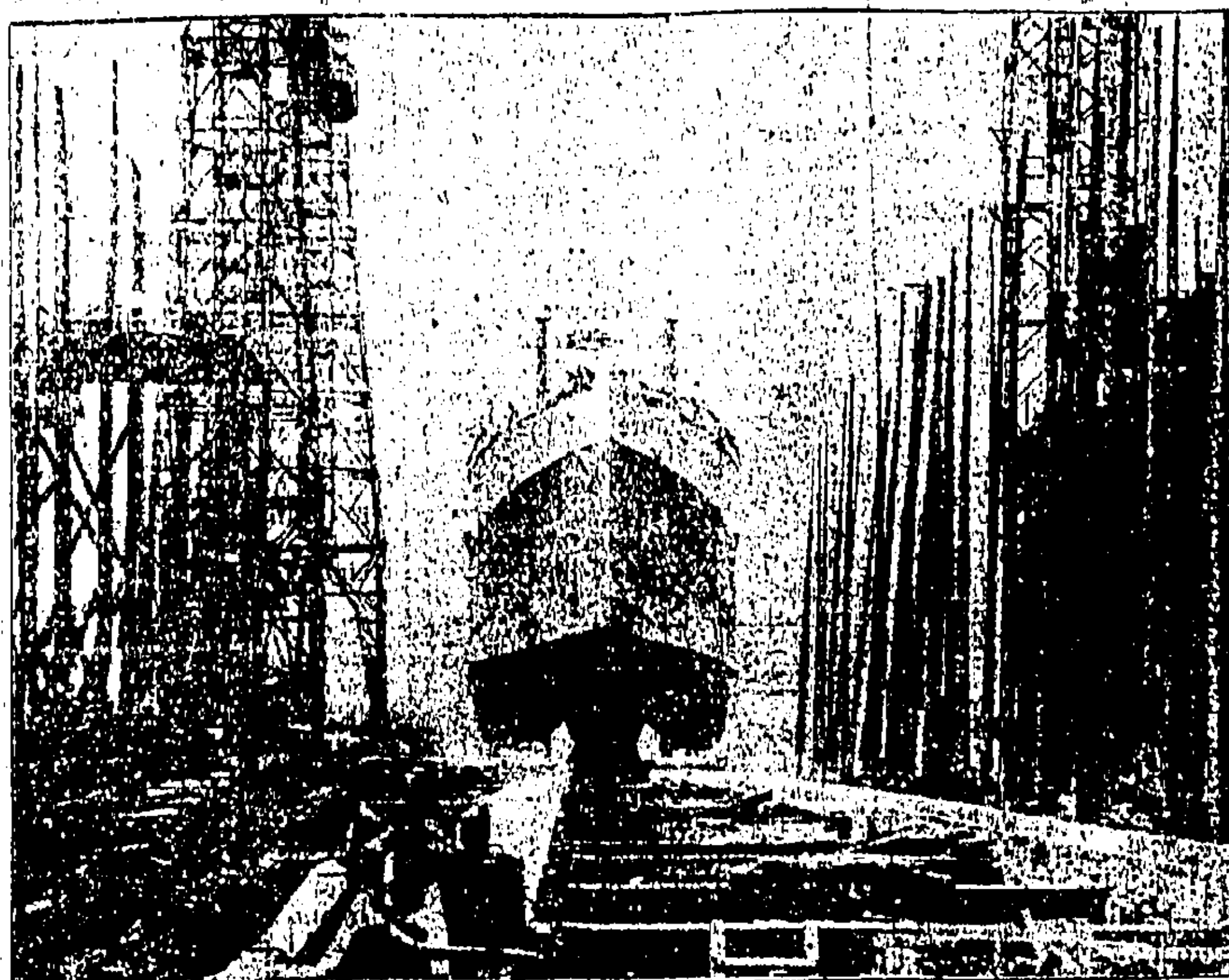


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The new quadruple screw motor mail and passenger 20,000-ton liner "Aorangi," built by the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. Ltd., of Glasgow, for the Union Steamship Co., of New Zealand, was launched by Mrs. Holdsworth, wife of Mr. Charles Holdsworth, managing director of the Union Steamship Co. It is the largest motor vessel afloat. Photograph shows the vessel taking the water.

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LONDON CRIES AT 18th CENTURY FAIR.



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Some of the "Old London Cries" which appeared at the 18th Century Fair organised by Viscountess Stopford and held in the grounds of her residence, the Old House, Aylesbury, in aid of the Girl Guides Association. Photograph shows the broomseller crying "Buy a Broom."

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TORNADO DISASTER

DEVASTATED LORAINA

Cleveland, June 30.—With 600 soldiers patrolling its streets, the city of Lorain, after the terrible tornado of Saturday which swept part of Northern Ohio, resembles a war-stricken town following a severe bombardment by heavy artillery. Preparations are being made for burying the dead, the exact number of which is still a matter of conjecture. The county coroner believes there must be a number of bodies lying beneath the ruins of the collapsed buildings.

The military authorities have established a strict control, ordering all who are not on business to keep off the streets and calling upon many of the citizens for the work of clearing up the wreckage.

Pew homes escaped the ravages of the cyclone, and there were many beautiful escapes from death. Beautiful mansions kept as if some giant had crushed them in his hands. The walls of a number of buildings were blown clean out, exposing the rooms as the occupants left them in the hurried flight. One woman who was lying asleep was lifted from her bed and thrown through the window into the yard. The only injury she received was a broken shoulder.

Refugees, many women and children, were seen picking their way through entanglements of wires, around the wreckage, buildings and piles of bricks, carrying bedclothes and other necessities, and even pictures, to some temporary shelter. Few, however, were without bandaged hands and arms, and all were a look of the utmost bewilderment.

The town greeted the arrival of the military and other helpers with relief. The Central High School was transformed into a mortuary, around which gathered small family groups, too grief-stricken to cry. Their faces were ghastly pallid and their minds seemed unable to comprehend that one of their own had been killed. An elderly couple stood outside a classroom watching the embalming of the body of their young son. The mother tried hard to be brave, as the father, placed his arms around her shoulders and sobbed like a little child.

Where the classrooms were filled with light-hearted students, the same rooms are now giving shelter to the dead. On one of the beautiful golden-haired little girl with her arm torn off. On another big boy lies another little girl. Both are covered with sheets to which are pinned tags bearing their names.

There were many acts of heroism and self-sacrifice. One young man who had worked feverishly throughout the night helping the wounded and comforting the grief-stricken relatives saw at dawn the automobile demolished in the street. He rushed to the scene and found to his horror and grief, his father and mother dead beneath the wreckage.

The first arrival report that some of the survivors knelt and the ruins and among the streets, crying and praying. One city official was busy wearing in deputy police and providing them with rifles and revolvers. The whole picture seemed like a nightmare.

The following is a summary of the casualties: Sunday, 6 dead; Cleveland, 7 dead; Akron, 1 dead; French Creek, 3 dead; Weymouth, 2 dead. Reports from Pittsburgh state that 16 persons have been killed in Western Pennsylvania.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B. F. s.s. "Glenn" left Liverpool on July 12 for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama and is due here on about Aug. 18.

The D. F. s.s. "Empress" left Liverpool on July 10 for Hongkong, Shanghai, Tokyo and Dairen and is due here on about Aug. 21.

The D. F. s.s. "Pres. Polk" which is due at this port on Aug. 18, sailed from San Francisco on July 10 on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Atrium" left New York on July 8 for Suez, Singapore, Manila and Hongkong and is due here on about Sept. 1.

The D.S.L. s.s. "Pres. Monroe" which is due at this port on Sept. 1, sailed from San Francisco on Aug. 2, on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Helenus" left Liverpool on July 30 for Straits, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on about Sept. 3.

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